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by local residents of comprising "missile installations", was located near the village of Mrakovica (N 45.01/E 16.55) on Mt. Mrakovica (806 meters) in the Kozara Massif, south of Bosanska Dubica, a wild and isolated region of Yugoslavia.^{1/} The entire area is covered with forests centuries old; a very small part, at an elevation of 450 - 500 meters, is used in the summer as grazing land by shepherds who live in Mrakovica.
2. The following roads have been constructed or improved in the area:
- a. Bosanska Gradiska - Vrbaska - Podgradci Gornji - Mrakovica. The road was improved in 1955 with Yugoslav Air Force funds. After passing through the first three villages, it follows the railroad line in the valley below Mr. Kapetanov (sic) (494 meters) and Mt. Bukovi (637 meters), goes up to the Ravna Gora ridge below Mt. Mrakovica and then into the village of Mrakovica.
 - b. Bosanska Dubica - Bjelajca-Vojskova - Rascesce. The road was improved and made passable for truck traffic in 1955 and 1956, with Yugoslav Air Force funds. The road was originally an old mule track from Bosanska Dubica. At Rascesce (sic) it joins the road described in "a" above. There is also a cart road between Rascesce and Mrakovica which is not usable by automobile traffic.
 - c. Mrakovica - Kozarusa (on the Prijedor - Banja Luka highway). The road was improved in 1955.

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3. Access to the village of Mrakovica is granted to inhabitants of the area who carry special permits for cattle-grazing. The town is barred to tourists. There are traffic control points, manned by People's Militia who examine everyone's documents, on all the main roads.
4. Above the village of Mrakovica and just below the 806-meter peak, there is a two-story building called the "Alpine House on Mrakovica" (Planinski Dom na Mrakovici), known to the public as a rest home for disabled war veterans and former partisan officers.^{2/}
5. A few meters to the north, towards Ravna Gora, there is a military control point, commanded by a second lieutenant. Access to the zone is permitted only to those with special passes. About 3 or 4 jeeps were observed a short distance from the control point. This entire area has been designated a national park (Nacionalni Park); traffic to and from the area is controlled by the People's Militia.^{3/}
6. There are Yugoslav Air Force units stationed in Bosensks Dubica, Kostanjica, and Bosenska Gradiska. Officers and several military transports from these towns were observed en route to the Mrakovica area; transports of supplies were almost always shipped during the nights.
7. In 1954 - 1955, work projects were under way; at night, mine blasts were heard and transports of materials were observed continually.^{4/}
8. At one time, Soviet Marshall Zhukov visited the area with Yugoslav military authorities, including the State Secretary of Defense, Ivan Gosnjak, the Vice President of the Council, Aleksandar Rankovic, the Bosnian Minister, Djuro Pucar-"Stari"^{5/}, several Yugoslav generals, and Soviet military authorities. The trip was made in three Air Force helicopters.
9. Top-level Yugoslav leaders often visit the area. Foreigners - not further identifiable as to nationality, etc. - are also observed there frequently.^{6/}
10. Attached herewith is a sketch (not to scale) of the Mrakovica area, showing the roads in the area and the approximate location of the alleged missile site.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] local inhabitants share the opinion that there are missile installations in Mrakovica, but no one wants to talk about them in public, since several persons were arrested by the Secret Police for having spoken about them in 1955 when the principal tasks were in progress. 50X1-HUM
2. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] the "Alpine House" is occupied not by disabled veterans or former partisan officers but by 20.- 25 Yugoslav officers in civilian clothes. 50X1-HUM
3. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] this control is exercised by the Air Force, since [REDACTED] the military personnel wore dark blue uniforms. 50X1-HUM
4. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] large iron beams transported by truck at night, and [REDACTED] the beams looked like lattice towers for high-voltage power lines. 50X1-HUM
5. [REDACTED] Comment: Pucar is President of the Bosnia-Hercegovina People's Assembly. He was roundly criticized by Tito a year ago and it was rumored at the time that demotion would follow this criticism. However, [REDACTED] he is still in office and still First Secretary of the Bosnian Union of Communists of Yugoslavia. 50X1-HUM
6. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

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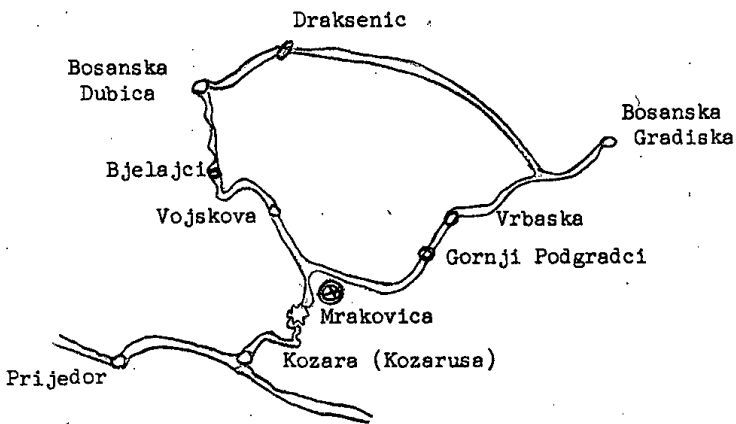
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⊗ Approximate location of alleged missile installation